

CHESTNUTHILL TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
ROUTE 715, BRODHEADSVILLE, PA 18322  
MINUTES OF MEETING – December 15, 2009

A regular meeting of the Chestnuthill Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at the Township Municipal Building Rte 715, Brodheadsville. Those present were Chuck Gould (Chairman), Leigh Kane (Vice-Chairman), David Fleetwood (Supervisor), Cathy Martinelli (Office Manager) and Atty. Joseph P. McDonald, Jr. David Albright (Township Manager) was absent.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** to the Flag was led by Mr. Thody.

**Executive Session.** None.

**Unit Care Agreement.** None.

**Parks.** Bernie Kozen was present to report the following events:

- Mock Property Hike (Eldred Twp) 1/10/10 - 1-4pm
- Pine Cone Bird Feeders 1/23/09 - 10am-12pm
- Art Class “Winter Landscape” 2/6/10- 9:30am
- Sled Riding/Snowman Contest 2/20/10 11-2pm
- Art Class “Winter Still Life” 2/26/09 9:30am

Also, Merwinsburg Hotel Hike had 42 hikers and another 12 for the open house. Santa at the Park had 150 kids plus families.

**Public Comment.**

**Resident Tammy Graeber.** Ms. Graeber was present as well as surveyor Bob Beers. This was just an informational discussion. Ms. Graeber and her father Mr. Graeber did a subdivision back in January 2009 removing 2.418 acres off his acreage, which leaves him with 24 acres. Her father had given the acreage to her and had the property adjoined to one of her parcels. She now wants to change the subdivision plan. Several ideas were discussed there seems to be three options at this point: 1. Leave the plan as is, 2. Revise the plan so that the lot is combined with the vacant area or 3. Slide the lot over and combine with the lot that has the top soil stripped, however, any option must consult Helen Beers, SEO for information on sewage testing for reserve area, etc.

**Resident Mr. Thody.** Wanted to thank Leigh Kane for her time on the Board of Supervisors, with all the extra hours and meetings and her commitment to the Board and the Township.

**Minutes.** On motion made by Dave Fleetwood, seconded by Leigh Kane it was voted to approve the minutes of December 1, 2009, as distributed. (3-0)

**Correspondence.**

PV Ice Hockey. Sent a thank you letter for our donation.

Pocono Forest & Waters Conservation Landscape. Is having a seminar on 12/16/09 from 1:30 to 3:30pm.

Atty. McDonald – Kinsley Plaza Phase I. He has received Traffic Signal & Highway Storm Water Facility Maintenance Agreement and the Traffic Signal Easement Agreement. He will review them as well as Engineer McDermott. No action is required tonight.

DCED. Dave Albright has received preliminary approval of a \$9500.00 grant for the Merwinsburg Hotel.

**Old Business.**

Outdoor wood burner ordinance – Tabled until further notice.

2010 Budget. On motion made by Leigh Kane, seconded by Dave Fleetwood it was voted to approve the 2010 budget, with no tax increase. (3-0)

Fire Company merger. Atty. Michael Collins was present to discuss with the Board the final details for the merger. Atty. Collins prepared a resolution for the consolidation which lays out the details that a formal closing on the consolidation shall be on or before December 31, 2009 and effective January 4, 2010 the Sun Valley Fire Company shall no longer be designated as a fire or other emergency responder for Chestnuthill Township. On motion made by Dave Fleetwood, seconded by Leigh Kane it was voted to approve and sign resolution 2009-14. (3-0)

Discussion and possible decision on the appeal of the SEO decision. The Board discussed their findings on the hearing and on motion made by Chuck Gould, seconded by Leigh Kane it was voted to deny the appeal for the reasons set forth in the December 15, 2009 Findings, Conclusions and Decision of the Board: Findings of Fact. (3-0)

**New Business.** None.

**Approval to pay the Bills.** On motion made by Dave Fleetwood, seconded by Leigh Kane it was voted to pay the General Fund Bills. (3-0)

**Plans.** None.

**Planning Module Approval.**

**Herfurth, Steward & Kathleen.** Helen Beers, SEO said everything is in order for submittal to DEP. On motion made by Chuck Gould, seconded by Leigh Kane it was voted to approve and sign resolution 2009-15. (3-0)

**Thank you Leigh.** Dave Fleetwood and Chuck Gould would like to thank Leigh for all her time and hard work on the Board. It was a pleasure working with you. Best Wishes in your future endeavors.

**Adjournment.** There being no further business, on motion made by Leigh Kane, seconded by Dave Fleetwood it was voted to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. (3-0)  
Respectfully submitted,

Cathy A. Martinelli  
Recording Secretary